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LAGOS FORWACASC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSOP, ASUP

SUBJECT: WACASC SUPPORT FLIGHTS

1. SINCE JANUARY 1, 1976 TEN WACASC FLIGHTS HAVE ARRIVED AT NDJAMENA. AS A RESULT OF FREQUENT CHANGES IN FLIGHT SCHEDULE OR ACTUAL CANCELLATIONS, THESE TEN FLIGHTS HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR THIRTY-FIVE NOTES VERBALE

TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO REQUEST CLEARANCES, INFORM OF CHANGES, OR INFORM WHEN FINALLY KNOWN THE ACTUAL SCHEDULE. TEN FLIGHTS WERE IN EFFECT SIMPLY NO SHOW, THAT IS, WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO EMB OF EITHER POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION, OR WITH NOTICE SO SHORT THAT EMB UNABLE INFORM APPROPRIATE GOC AUTHORITIES.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THIS DISPARITY BETWEEN VOLUME OF CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTUAL FLIGHTS HAS BEEN THE CAUSE, BUT EFFECTIVE FROM NOW THE BLANKET LANDING CLEARANCE THE EMBASSY HAD OBTAINED FOR THE WACASC PAN AFRICAN AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHT IS CANCELLED. HENCE-FORTH IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC CLEARANCE FOR EACH FLIGHT. THEREFORE PLEASE INFORM US AT LEAST FOUR WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY FLIGHT, GIVING ARRIVAL DATE AND AIRCRAFT AND CREW IDENTIFICATION DATA. PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO HOLD TO THE SCHEDULE ONCE MADE. THOUGH WE APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED AT YOUR END, WE DO NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE GETTING CLEARANCE FOR THIS FLIGHT BY WHAT TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAY SEEM CAPRICIOUS CHANGES IN SCHEDULE. DWYER

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